GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations levelled against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others of Vizianagaram Municipality - Certain irregularities committed in execution of C.C.Road and Drain works taken up under 13th Finance and BRGP Grants in Vizianagaram Municipality - Departmental action initiated – Inquiry conducted –Inquiry Report received -Charges held 'not proved' - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued--

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.406 **Dated.19.06.2023**

Read the following:

1. From the D.G., G.A. (V&E) Department, Alert No.181 (C.No.549/V&E/E/2014), dated.29.11.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.903, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.19.09.2018.
3. G.O.Ms.No.55, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.07.02.2019
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.89 to 92 MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dt.07.02.2019.
5. Written Statement of Defense/ Served copies of Sri S.Govinda Swamy,the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others of Vizianagaram Municipality.
6. G.O.Rt.No.145, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.05.03.2020.
7. G.O.Rt.No.146, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.05.03.2020.
8. Inquiry Report from Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer & Inquiry Officer, APTIDCO., GVMC., Visakhapatnam, Dated.29.08.2022.
9. Govt.Memo.No.426892/Vig.I/2016, dated.16.02.2023.
10. Written representations received from Sri S. Govind Swamy and three others of Vizianagaram Municipality.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the Vigilance & Enforcement Department officials verified the execution of CC road and drain works executed under 13th Finance and BRGF grants in Vizianagaram Municipality, observed certain procedural irregularities in payment to the Contractor without concluding supplement agreement and recommended to initiate departmental action against (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (2) Sri K.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer (3) Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and (4) Sri M.Babu, the then Municipal Engineer of Vizianagaram Municipality.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others of Vizianagaram Municipality under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 4th read above, articles of charges were framed against them, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly

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directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the explanations submitted by the charged officers, Government appointed Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against all the four (4) charged officers vide reference 6th read above. In the reference 7th read above, Sri K.Dileep, the then Dy.E.E, Vizianagaram, was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, C.E., GVMC, Visakhapatnam submitted Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others of Vizianagaram Municipality were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then M.C., (2) Sri K.V.Ramana Murthy, the then A.E.E., (3) Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Dy.E.E., and (4) Sri M.Babu, the then M.E., of Vizianagaram Municipality under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed them to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer, vide reference 9th read above.

6. In the reference 10th read above, all the four (4) charged officers have submitted their written representations duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to drop further action against them.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry report, written representations of the charged officers and after following due procedure, it has been decided to drop further action against (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (2) Sri K.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer (3) Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and (4) Sri M.Babu, the then Municipal Engineer of Vizianagaram Municipality, as the charges are held not proved in the Inquiry.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, (2) Sri K.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, (3) Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and (4) Sri M.Babu, the then Municipal Engineer of Vizianagaram Municipality.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration., A.P., Guntur and Engineer -In -Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner,
Vizianagaram Municipality - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
Sri Sri M.Babu, the then Municipal Engineer,

Vizianagaram Municipality - **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then the then Deputy Executive Engineer,
Vizianagaram Municipality - **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri K.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer,
Vizianagaram Municipality - **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Corporation., A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur.

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The General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Minister (MA & UD).
The PS to Special CS., MA & UD Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.